

PLAN OF VIRGINIAN BLOCKED BY RULES

Interstate Commerce Commission Will Permit No Advantage to New Coal Fields.

TO ADVANTAGE OF C. AND O.

Commission Decides When and How Through Routes and Rates Should Be Established.

NEW YORK, December 31.—The

Virginian has been blocked by the Interstate Commerce Commission in a plan to open its Kanawha and Red River coal fields at a slight advantage over competitors and to do it at the expense of the Chesapeake and Ohio, with which it was sought to force through routes and divisions of the rates. At the same time the commission in refusing the plan of the petitioner has placed itself upon record on the much-mooted question of when and how it should or should not exercise the power of compelling through routes and through rates between two or more railroad companies, a question that has given traffic executives all over the country much concern, and concerning which the commission in its ruling said:

"Where neither the interests of the public nor the ends of justice as between the parties directly interested will be promoted by the establishment of through routes and joint rates and divisions thereof, a proper remedy for the exercise of the authority invoked has not been shown."

The complainant in the case was the Loup Creek Colliery Company, and the defendants were the Virginian Company and the Chesapeake & Ohio. Although an effort to show that the corporation was owned by the Virginian was not successful, it was significant that its claims were backed by that railroad company. The complaint prayed for through rates from Page, W. Va., on the Virginian and that the same rates be applied to the coal mines in the Kanawha district to all points outside of West Virginia.

Charging 10 Cents a Ton.

Page is nine miles from the junction of the Virginian with the Chesapeake & Ohio, and the coal company is paying 10 cents a ton to the Virginian to get its coal to the market. The company has tracks. The theory advanced was that the Virginian, owning the mine, was trying to compel the Chesapeake & Ohio to pay for its delivery to the latter the product of its own property.

It was shown that the hearth of the Virginian intended to open mines through the two districts mentioned, and that the road was built for an independent outlet from the coal fields; also, that the Chesapeake & Ohio charged a switching rate to all mines located on its own branch lines, and that this was to compensate the road for taking the coal to its own tracks. The Chesapeake & Ohio, however, tries to furnish all of the mines, whether located on its branch lines or not, with cars, but owing to a car shortage is unable to give them their full quota.

On the other hand, the Virginian has an abundance of cars compared with the mileage it has thus far in operation. The coal mines on its line are, therefore, abundantly supplied and in this respect have an advantage over the mines on other lines. It was further shown that the Chesapeake & Ohio has more than it can do to market the coal produced upon its own lines and does not care for the coal mined on the Virginian. To compel the Chesapeake & Ohio, therefore, to pay to have this foreign coal delivered to it when it cannot adequately serve the interests along its own line the commission thought was asking a little too much.

It is ruling the commission says further:

"The effect of granting the relief sought would be to reduce the joint through rates from Page on the Virginian to all points on the Chesapeake & Ohio, outside of West Virginia, down to the separate individual rates of the letter from points on its line in this district at the entire expense of the Chesapeake & Ohio, and at the same time to relieve the shipper located on the Virginian of all expense in reaching the Chesapeake & Ohio."

The commission also specifically states that to make such a ruling as the Virginian sought would totally be to disregard the long-established practice recognized as reasonable and just by legislatures, commissions and the courts, as well as by carriers, of allowing two or more railroads which make up a through line to charge somewhat more for the through transportation, the earnings of which must be divided among all the roads which do reasonable and sufficient for the transportation if performed by a single road.

The effect of this decision will be to quiet the anxiety and apprehension of railroads generally with respect to the important power the commission now has of compelling through routes, rates and divisions of rates. It had been feared that the commission would seek to establish all sorts of through routes wherever asked for by shippers, irrespective of their actual needs and possibly of some time-honored operating and traffic principles.

Thunderstorm in Baltimore.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BALTIMORE, MD., December 31.—A typical thunderstorm, with rumbling thunder, flashing lightning and fast-pouring rain, broke in yesterday afternoon on the usual program of winter weather. For an hour and a half Baltimore was subjected to a drenching from a storm that in its intensity was decidedly summery.

The White Indian

A white Indian is a sick Indian. When the Indians first saw a white man they were sure he was sick. White skin-sick man was their argument. "Pale-face" is the name they gave us. Pale faces can be cured. When blood is properly fed the face glows with health.

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Heard and Seen in Public Places

At least two phases of the liquor question will occupy the attention of the new Legislature according to predictions that are heard around the hotel lobbies and other public places. One is the license tax feature and the other concerning the social clubs. There is apparently a growing sentiment in favor of raising the State license to conform with recent action by various cities and a measure of the sort is expected shortly after the session convenes. It is not known who will offer it, but a prominent Senator from another section has recently declared that the State might as well get a slice of the additional revenue while it is going.

As to the social clubs, the Finance Committee of the upper branch, and will have much to do with framing the new revenue bill. As to the club feature little has been said thus far, but it is known that there is quite an underground movement in favor of requiring all social clubs to conform to city and town ordinances with reference to closing. The committee that the Westmoreland, the Commonwealth, the Elk, the Virginia, the Albemarle and other Richmond clubs would have to close their bars at midnight, and that the Richmond Club would close at 10 o'clock P. M. So far as the clubs are concerned, it is a remarkable fact that the barroom and the dance hall as a rule seem to be united in favor of requiring them to observe the laws governing the closing of regular bar-rooms. In the closing hours of the last session a great tangle arose over proposed amendments to the Social Club Law of 1906. Speaker Caldwell left the chair in the House and pointed out that the clubs were about to be closed at the present time by the new amendments. The amendments were at once withdrawn, and the law was left in its former shape.

Colonel Thomas Smith, of Warrenton, is in the city.

Captain W. R. Boutwell, of Norfolk, president of the Virginia Pilots' Association, is in the city and has engaged quarters at the Hotel Richmond, where he will remain until the opening of the new Legislature next week. Captain Boutwell believes there is luck in numbers, and that the new Legislature will be the best yet. He is the only one of the association here who is not a member of the association. He is the only one of the association here who is not a member of the association. He is the only one of the association here who is not a member of the association.

H. Frayer, formerly in the engineering

TREASURY DEFICIT AT CLOSE OF YEAR

Times-Dispatch Bureau, Munsey Building, Washington, D. C., Dec. 31.

The condition of the Treasury on the eve of 1908 is vastly different from what it was on the eve of the year which closes at midnight. At the close of the first six months of the fiscal year 1906, there was, in round numbers, a surplus of \$25,000,000 in the Treasury.

The close of the business to-day, marking the end of the first six months of the fiscal year, the deficit in the Treasury was something over \$8,000,000.

It is not thought much attention will be paid to these figures, owing to the general prosperity of the country in all lines, but it is certain that had this condition arisen under a Democratic administration the Republican press of the country would have told the fact in leading headlines and would have kept on telling it from now until election day.

Of course, there is not an actual deficit in the Treasury; in fact, there are many other millions in the vaults. The figures given have to do with the working capital, to use the expression. The figures given show the excess of expenditures over receipts for the first six months of the current year.

The total receipts of the government, postal receipts not included, for the first six months of the fiscal year, were \$18,181,617.72 at the close of business yesterday. The figures for today, which would not affect the general result, are not available.

The expenditures for the first half of the present fiscal year were \$24,657,050.47, an excess of expenditures over receipts of \$6,475,432.75.

In other words the cost of government for the first six months of the current fiscal year was \$23,334,436.93 greater than the cost of government for the same period of last year.

Failed to Alot Bonds. There may be some interesting developments in view of the charge made by a Richmond capitalist that the Secretary of the Treasury failed to allot to him bonds, though his bid was higher than that of which many were not allotted.

Senator Martin, who is here to-day, said he had received a complaint to this effect from a Richmond man, and had forwarded the letter to Secretary Cortelyou. The Senator has not received an answer, but has been confined to his home by an attack of

department of the Chesapeake and Ohio, with headquarters in this city and now a resident of Lewisburg, W. Va., is at the Jefferson.

Former State Senator George S. Shackelford, of Orange, is in the city, and is stopping at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. C. C. Walker, No. 946 Park Avenue. Colonel Shackelford is counsel for Miller, the alleged baggage crook, who is now in jail in Richmond for safe-keeping, and is under indictment in the Circuit Court of Orange county charged with changing checks in trunks at Gordonsville and shipping them to confederates at other points. The lawyer will go to the City Jail to-day and hold a conference with a client, the date of whose trial, it is understood, has not yet been fixed. Colonel Shackelford was for a number of years in both branches of the legislature, having served with ability in both branches. He declined a re-election last fall on the ground that his private affairs demanded his entire time. Colonel Shackelford was one of the prominent leaders of the last Senate, having been chairman of the Democratic "steering committee" and the floor leader of the majority party. He will probably remain in the city for several days.

General Fifth Bolling, postmaster of Petersburg, was in the city yesterday.

The passing of the old year was dull around the hotels, and so far as could be gathered there was not even watch night exercises at any of them. The Jefferson management believes in doing things with precision, and Mr. Fry was happy when he filled the last line of the year. He filled the last line of the year. He filled the last line of the year. He filled the last line of the year.

All the hotels were doing what the clerks called a slow business last night. They are expected to look up next week with the new year. The new year starts up in real earnest.

Mr. John W. Williams, clerk of the House of Delegates and keeper of the roll, arrived in the city from his home in Pearisville, Md., yesterday, and will remain here until after the adjournment of the Legislature. Mr. Williams, after leaving his family, went at once to the Capitol and started to work for the day. He has no objection for clerk, having filled the position satisfactorily for the past several years.

kip for about two weeks. Failure to award bonds to the persons agreeing to give the highest price for them is an impeachable offense.

GINTER PARK.

The Ginter Company has just closed a most successful year in every way, and the outlook for the future of Ginter Park is, to say the least, very flattering. The year's business was a considerable more than \$2,000,000, and a fortune has been invested in improvements.

The month just ended, December, has been one of the best, all things considered, in both the selling of lots and in further permanent development work. The month's business was a considerable more than \$2,000,000, and a fortune has been invested in improvements.

During 1907 nineteen new residences and a very handsome school building were erected, and the new building, and eighteen families have moved into the park.

The Ashland road has two stations in Ginter Park, and is now running on regular schedule, while the First Street line has increased its service to a car every ten minutes, and has brought its running time down to five minutes. The new line, which brings the Ginter Park and the city, and for all practical purposes making it a part of the city.

The list of residents and prospective residents of Ginter Park includes the names of many of Richmond's best known and most progressive business and professional men, and the class of homes built and building along the park are thoroughly alive to the possibilities of making this section the most beautiful and attractive of any.

A great progress has been made along social and religious lines, as is evidenced by the starting of a new Presbyterian church under the charge of Dr. Strickland, and the forming of a new Episcopal parish, with the Rev. Frank Ridout, is being worked out.

Ample provision for the social needs of this up-to-date community is being provided through the building of a large assembly hall and clubrooms in the new school building, which the assembly hall will be available for all public meetings, concerts, private theatricals, etc. The school will be opened in the fall, and will meet the requirements of a high-class community.

The location of Ginter Park, on a high plateau, overlooking the city, is most admirable. The permanent improvements, such as paved avenues, lined with trees, and the new shade trees, excellent drainage, sewerage and water systems, are unsurpassed, and the same can be said of the telephone, mail and electric light service, and many of the city's leading stores now make daily deliveries, whereas they formerly only did so once or twice a week.

No section of Richmond has grown and developed so rapidly and harmoniously as Ginter Park has in the past twelve months, and as most of the surrounding territory is held by parties deeply interested in keeping up this high standard, a brilliant future is predicted for this section, and property hereabouts will undoubtedly sell much higher in the future.

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OBITUARY

Jerry J. Stone.

Mr. Jerry J. Stone died at William Byrd Hospital yesterday afternoon at 6:50 o'clock, after an illness of pneumonia lasting only a few days. Mr. Stone was a printer by trade, and was well known in the city. At the time of his illness he was employed by Mr. C. W. Saunders. He was about fifty years old. He is survived by his widow and one son, Mr. Harry J. Stone.

The funeral will take place from his residence, No. 18 South Robinson Street to-morrow. Definite arrangements have not yet been made.

Ernest W. Irby.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SOUTH ROSS, VA., December 31.—Mr. Ernest W. Irby, aged thirty-one, son of Mr. and Mrs. Meade A. Irby, of Vernon Hill, Halifax county, Va., died in Savannah, Ga., early Monday morning, after an illness of four months. Mr. Irby had lived in Philadelphia for the past ten years, having been engaged in the railroad business at that place, but was in Georgia a few weeks ago upon advice from his physicians, hoping that a change of climate would aid him in regaining his health, but without success. He died within the space of a week after his arrival in Savannah.

To his sadness, his mother could not be immediately informed of the death, on account of her own illness, caused by a recent stroke of paralysis.

The remains will be taken to Vernon Hill Wednesday, where the interment will be made in the family burying-ground.

Mr. Irby leaves a wife and the following sisters and brothers: Miss Eva Irby, of Boston, Mass.; Mrs. E. L. Ashby, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. W. Dunn, of South Boston; Mr. Chas. C. Bass, of Nashville, Va.; Mrs. Ed. L. Wallon, of Danville, and Messrs. John S. Irby, of Philadelphia; R. C. Irby, of O. J. Irby, of Pendleton, Ore.; S. A. Irby, of Philadelphia; R. C. Irby, of South Boston, and A. M. Irby and J. M. Irby, of Vernon Hill.

Ferdinand W. Chandler.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BOWLING GREEN, VA., December 31.—Mr. Ferdinand W. Chandler died this morning at 8:30 o'clock at his home, after an illness lasting for more than a month. He was a prominent young lawyer, being a graduate of the Law School of the University of Virginia, and the junior member of the law firm of Chandler & Chandler. He was a prominent member of the J. O. U. A. M.

The funeral services will be conducted at 3 o'clock to-morrow at the grave in Lakewood Cemetery.

Mrs. Archie Samuel.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) HANOVER COURTHOUSE, VA., December 31.—Mrs. Archie Samuel, widow of Archie Samuel, died this morning at her home in the Hanover Courthouse, after an illness of two years. She was a member of the Methodist Church, of which she was a member to-day at 3 o'clock. She leaves three daughters, Mrs. Edith Jackson, of Richmond; Mrs. Edward Beazley, who lived with her at Holly Hill, the home, and Miss Minnie. She was sixty-five years old.

James H. Carter.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NEW CANTON, VA., December 31.—Mr. James H. Carter, known for many years as one of the largest and most prosperous farmers in Buchanan county, died very suddenly Saturday evening at his home near Hatcher, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and had been a member for a long time. He was a very kind and generous man, and was well known in the community. He is survived by a wife and two daughters.

W. H. Sweeney, Jr.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WILLIAMSBURG, VA., December 31.—Mr. W. H. Sweeney, Jr., one of the oldest general contractors of the city, and a citizen held in high esteem, died late last night. Death resulted from a heart attack. He was a very kind and generous man, and was well known in the community. He is survived by a wife and two daughters.

Roscoe C. Brumback.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) LURAY, VA., December 31.—Roscoe C. Brumback, a well-known citizen, died last night at his home in Springfield, death being due to consumption. He was for several years a member of the Board of Supervisors, and was a very kind and generous man, and was well known in the community. He is survived by a wife and two daughters.

Mrs. Caudell.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GLADESBORO, VA., December 31.—Mrs. Caudell, the wife of the late Mr. Caudell, died very suddenly Friday at the residence of her son, Mr. James Caudell.

Mrs. Harriet Selden Heth.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WASHINGTON, D. C., December 31.—Major-General Harry Heth, of the Confederate Army, died at his home in this city early this morning. He was a very kind and generous man, and was well known in the community. He is survived by a wife and two daughters.

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DEATHS

HETH.—Died in Washington, D. C., December 31, 1907, HARRIET SEIDEN HETH, daughter of the late Miles Cary Selden, of Powhatan county, Va., and widow of General Harry Heth.

Interment in Hollywood. Funeral notice later.

MILLER.—Died at her residence, No. 700 South Pine Street, on Tuesday, December 31, 1907, at 6 A. M., Mrs. J. M. Miller, the wife of George M. Miller, in the seventy-eighth year of her age. Mrs. Miller is survived by seven children, Messrs. Hyronimus Miller, John Miller, George M. Miller, Charles Miller, Henry Miller, Mrs. J. H. Pace and Miss Mary Miller.

The funeral will take place from the Grace Episcopal Church, corner Eighth and Marshall Streets, at 2 o'clock THURSDAY, January 2, 1908. Interment in Hollywood. Friends of the family invited to attend.

Sleep sweetly; life's troubles now are past.

May angels sing thee to thy rest; Life's struggles ended now at last; Sleep gently on the Saviour's breast.

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"The Guarded Flame," etc.
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CHAPTER XX.—Continued.

"Don't mention it," said Crunden. "I understand what lay behind any remarks you let fall," and he gave a grunt. "You're uncommonly fond of Mr. Crude."

"Of course I am," said Mrs. Price. "Who could help being fond of him? Not Mr. Crunden. He had tried hard to help it—and he failed. This young man's voice was music, his smile sunshine to him. Absurd, ridiculous! Old Crunden struggled valiantly against yielding to such preposterous sentiments—as if to yield had been a base weakness. It had seemed to him like the evil spell of the Hill itself—now ruined, broken, and trampled down—rising again to enthrall one's mind and confound one's senses. Do what you would to the lord of the Hill, he could bring you to his feet—before you knew he had been there."

As between good pals. Perhaps, Crunden thought, in all his long life he had never been understood so well as by his good pal, Jack. His rough outer case seemed no barrier, his coat of mail was not so thick as Jack's, but to Jack, a pal, wonderful to think of—with gratitude welled warm from the heart beneath the hedgehog's ugly coat.

And he thought of it quite as often as Mrs. Price, though he never by any chance spoke of it. And why? He couldn't trust himself to speak. Might let fall with his remarks something else—a few tears. It had happened in solitary thought; sudden grunts and in the eyes a gleam of moisture. Thinking of it now, as he tramped across his empty fields, he brought a clenched fist with a loud smack into the horny palm of his other hand. "Take that," he growled, "and that's that! Teach you to mock me, pal for a hedgehog!"

A son could not have done more for a loved father. Jack was what he would have wished his own son to be in all things. And he thought of the time when he was a boy, and how he would have wished his own son to be in all things. And he thought of the time when he was a boy, and how he would have wished his own son to be in all things.

Jack laughed contentedly. "Not the least need for gratitude—all the other way round. Only, Miss Lizzie, when you buy your next new dress, do buy a blue one with white spots. Then, when I see you wearing it, I shall know you mean to be kind to me. In spite of my repeated prayers, you never will buy a blue one. You think my taste in dress is bad."

"Yes," said Lizzie, laughing. "I'll wear a blue dress. No, I don't think your taste is bad."

Another season had passed without the purchase of a new dress of blue or any other color. But, that morning, upstairs in her room, she fetched out one of her old blue dresses and submitted it to careful examination. It was all in order. The blue showed sun-fading here and there in the wash, but the blue had invaded the white spots on some parts of it; and the muslin collar and cuffs seemed to ask for renewal; but there had occurred no startling change of fashion during the last three years—the dress would do very well. And Lizzie longed for the spring days when she might wear it as a signal of her very sincere gratitude to Mr. Jack for his kindness—to her father.

Lizzie had been drawing her full

dress-allowance from papa, but instead of spending it, had been hoarding. Papa had insisted on paying her in prompt cash, and would not hear of any cutting-down of the domestic budget. "Don't neglect yourself, Lizzie. Keep yourself up to the mark. You can't be too fine for my mind." But Lizzie, buying only a few pairs of boots, gloves, etc., and perhaps a hat per annum, had amassed a hoard which in its extent surprised papa, when his daughter brought it to him.

"Bad—places. Till the lane turns. When we're out of the wood, you can give it me all back—and then I really will be so fine that you won't recognize me."

"Liz, my dear, you shouldn't have done this. No, no."

But the pinch was so severe this winter that Crunden gave in. He was proud of Lizzie for her miser-tricks, and he consented to be debtor to his child, as well as to the bank, for a temporary convenience. Thus the money which should have been carried to Selkirk, the draper, found its way to the yard; and the cleared the pay-sheet of the lessor's staff for a considerable number of weeks.

However, this cheating of Selkirk was not matter which Miss Crunden could talk about with papa's clerk. She must permit Mr. Jack to suppose, if he pleased, that her old frocks were new frocks; and that she had been buying them in all tints of the rainbow—except blue.

On Saturday afternoon she dressed herself in some starched old brown and went for a long walk. The day was bright and windless—just cold enough to make all healthy folk enjoy fast walking. Even in the bright sunshine no one would have noticed that her brown fur coat, her brown coat, and skirt were three-year-olds—they looked almost as good as new. No one would have noticed that the brown toques and the brown gloves were so much younger—quite as good as new. The gold bangle on her wrist was of course brand-new.

She went down as far as the bridge; saw the sunshine flashing and shaking on the muddy water, a wagon full of hay from the brewery, Miss How's horseback with a flushed face and disarranged hair, squirming in the saddle to wring the horse's back, while she whispered laughingly to Mr. Banker, the riding-master—saw indeed all that there was to be seen on the bridge; and then turned, and walked briskly up the hill.

(To Be Continued To-morrow.)

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